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1. CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE

TEXACO REP SUDER SENT TELEGRAM DIRECT TO EMPEROR ON MARCH 31.
BELLET OF CENTROHYDRO CONFIRMED RECEIPT ONLY RECENTLY. ACCORDING
BELLET, EMPEROR PASSED MESSAGE TO PRIME MINISTER WHO HAS APPOINTED
A COMMISSION TO CONSIDER ALL OIL COMPANY CLAIMS. BELLET NOTED COM-
MISSION WILL REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO MONTHS OF DELIBERATION AND ADDED
THAT TEXACO HAD SUBMITTED THE MOST COMPLETE DOSSIER OF ALL. SUDER
SAID HIS STAFF HAD SPENT WEEKS ASSEMBLING THE NECESSARY DOCUMENTS.
(REFTEL PARAS 3 AND 4). (COMMENT: COMPANIES ARE READY AND ANXIOUS
TO PROCEED WITH CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS BUT THEY DO NOT KNOW WHERE THEY
STAND. NO INFORMATION OR FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS SINCE MEETING WITH
CENTROHYDRO LAST JANUARY.) IN AN ASIDE SUDER SAID HE HAD HEARD MGOMA
(FORMER ENERGY AND MINES SECRETARY OF STATE) LOST HIS JOB AND IS NOW
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RUNNING A STATIONERY SHOP IN BANGUI. REASON IS UNKNOWN. HOWEVER,
AS MGOMA IS A RELATIVE OF BOKASSA, IT IS OPEN TO QUESTION THAT HE
DID IN FACT LOSE HIS POSITION.

2. CONGO

SUDER NOTED THERE HAVE BEEN NO NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN BRAZZAVILLE
BUT HE HOPES MEETING FOR JUNE OR JULY IS STILL ON (REFTEL PARA ONE).

IT IS ALSO RUMORED THAT BONGOUANDE, HYDROCONGO POLITICAL COMMISAR,
HAS BEEN REPLACED.

3. ANGOLA

TEXACO HEADQUARTERS CORAL GABLES ASKED ANGOLAN PETROLEUM BOARD
FOR REVIEW OF CURRENT SITUATION. MORAIS OF BOARD REPLIED THAT TEAM
OF EXPERTS IS STUDYING TEXACO CASE BUT GAVE NO OTHER INFORMATION AND
INVITATION FOR TEXACO REP TO VISIT ANGOLA WAS NOT FORTHCOMING.
HOWEVER, SUDER BELIEVES ANGOLANS WANT EXPLORATION TO CONTINUE AND
DESIRE COOPERATE. (ASKED IF THIS SPIRIT MIGHT APPLY ONLY TO GULF
OIL, SUDER SAID HE THROUGH AND HOPED NOT.) GULF IS PRODUCING
120,000 TO 140,000 BARRELS DAILY AT ANGOLAN WELLS WITH ANGOLA
RECEIVING SOME 400 TO 500 MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY IN ROYALTIES
WHEREAS TEXACO IS NOW PRODUCING ONLY ABOUT 15,000 BARRELS A DAY.
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